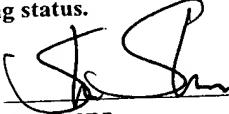


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP99/04419	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 June 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 26 June 1998		
TITLE OF INVENTION FLEXIBLE MULTILAYER FLAT MATERIAL WITH REINFORCED COVER LAYER				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Loffler et al.				
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
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Items 11 to 16 below concern document(s) or information included:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Form PCT/IPEA/409 and English translation thereof Form PCT/ISA/210 Copies of cited references Express Mail Label #EL5613481115US 				

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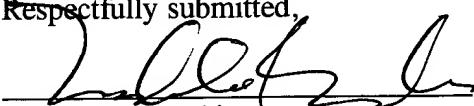
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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 26.2 of the Regulations under the PCT, and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully request a TWO month extension of time in which to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 Invitation To Correct Defects In The International Application mailed on 22 September 2000, and the Notification Concerning submission or Transmittal of Priority Document from The International Bureau of WIPO, mailed 18 October 2000. A response to the above-mentioned Communications is submitted simultaneously.

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